

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-3 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1-3 were amended. Accordingly, claims 1-3 are at issue in the above-identified application.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Indefiniteness Rejection of Claims

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. With the amendment to Claim 3, Applicants submit that this rejection has been overcome.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Anticipation Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by either *Ugawa et al.* (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0170550) or *Sato et al.* (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0146786). Applicants have amended claim 1 to more specifically recite the structure of the anode and cathode. The specific structure now recited in claim 1 is not disclosed in or suggested by either *Ugawa et al.* or *Sato et al.* Moreover, claim 2 depends from claim 1. Thus Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection of claims 1 and 2.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over either *Ugawa* or *Sato*, each taken in view of *Yamaguchi* (U.S. Patent No. 6,869,723). As explained above, independent claim 1 (from which claim 3 depends) has been amended to more specifically recite the structure of the anode and cathode. The specific structure now recited in claim 1 is not disclosed in or suggested by *Ugawa et al.*, *Sato et al.*, or *Yamaguchi*. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection as well.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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